

Saint Vincent de Paul

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon
Monday through Friday: 8:30 am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm or
any time by appointment

Baptisms are Sundays at 2:00 pm. Prior scheduling and Parent Preparation Class are required.

Novena to the Sacred Heart is every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Rosary is prayed at 8:10 am Monday - Friday.

Eucharistic Adoration is Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction is on the First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

Marriages require a six month preparation period by Diocesan policy. Call one of the parish priests prior to setting a date.

Funerals: Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office before publication of the death notice.

Ministry to those who are Sick or Shut-In

Our Eucharistic Ministers can bring the Eucharist to those parishioners who are ill, recovering from a hospital stay, shut-in, or otherwise unable to attend the Liturgies each Sunday. Please call the Parish Office to be placed on the schedule.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA meets weekly from September through April. Further information can be obtained by calling the Parish Office.

New Parishioners are always welcome. Please stop by the Parish Office to register at your earliest convenience. Thank you for joining St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



MASSSES for the WEEK

MONDAY, January 23, Day of Prayer for Unborn

8:30 am Special Intention of Francis Nenadovich

FRIDAY, January 27, St. Angela Merici

8:30 am George Cernanec

TUESDAY, January 24, St. Francis de Sales

8:30 am Dominique Fragnoli & Antonio Fragnoli & Angelina Falso

SATURDAY, January 28, Vigil of Fourth Sunday

5:00 pm John Onacila (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 am Nellie Keenan (Birthday)

SUNDAY, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am For the Parishioners

10:30 am Joseph Conway

12:00 noon Special Intention for Marguerite Lopez

THURSDAY, January 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus

8:30 am All Souls



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Committee on Race and Office of Ministry to African American Catholics invites you to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, NE on Wednesday, January 25th, at 7:00 P.M. *In Christ There is No East or West* "Prayer for Healing". We take this time to gather as community in prayer, to come together to take time to heal and to advocate for justice. For more information, contact Vanessa Griffin Campbell at vcampbell@dioceseofcleveland.org,

ENVELOPES FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

can be dropped in the regular collection next weekend.

EVANGELIZATION

Chinese philosopher - Lao-Tse
6th century bce

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.



SYMPATHY to the Family of Joyce York whose funeral was conducted this past week. May she rest in peace.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR MONTHLY TICKETS?

You can return your tickets and money in the sealed envelope by dropping them in the collection basket.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Parishioner's,

Last week I talked about the state of the priesthood in the Diocese of Cleveland. This week I am going to speak about the state of the Catholic population in our diocese. The Diocese of Cleveland is made up of eight counties: Ashland, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Wayne.

In 1950, 45% of the Catholic population lived in the Northeast part of our country. By the year 2009, only 30% of Catholics lived in the Northeast. As a result, dioceses in the Northeast have had to close parishes and schools that no longer have enough parishioners to sustain them. At the same time, dioceses in the South and Southwest are under increasing pressure to build more and larger parishes and schools to accommodate the demand.

As recently as the year 2000, there was over 800,000 parish-affiliated Catholics in our diocese. Today, there are about 690,000 parish-affiliated Catholics. If the current trends continue, we expect to have approximately 455,000 by the year 2040. New Catholics are moving into our diocese but not at a rate that can make up for those who are moving out and who are dying. The fact of the matter is that we have a graying population.

Even within our own diocese we have seen a major shift in the Catholic population. Geauga County and Medina County experienced strong growth from 1971 to 2010 (+146 percent and +252 percent respectively). Over that same period, the number of Catholics in Cuyahoga County has declined by 40 percent.

I do not have any breakdowns specifically for the Westpark area. However, it should be clear that the Catholic population in this area has declined dramatically over the same period of time. Those who have been members of this Parish, as well as other Parishes, can remember that years ago the population was so large the parishes would have to offer 2 Masses simultaneously, one in the Church and the other in a social hall or gym.

This past October when we did the annual Diocesan Mass count for the weekends of October 1st and 2nd, and October 8th and 9th, our average weekend total attendance for the Vigil and the three Masses on Sunday was 384. It's my understanding that our Church seats

approximately 400 people. The good news is because of your kindness and hospitality, more and more people are slowly coming into the parish particularly at the Vigil, 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.

The trend now and for the future is to keep parishes opened but have multiple Churches under one pastor. I was talking to a Pastor in a suburb close to us and he said he was told that eventually there will be one Pastor for the four Churches in that Suburb; thus the need to consolidate Masses. In our case the Mass that we will drop will be the 12:00 pm. It is consistently the least attended. This will take effect the First Sunday after Easter. Please know both Fr. Clancy and I agonized over this decision but it's the best way to prepare our Parish for the future. Thank You for understanding.

Have a Blessed Week
Fr. Ken Wallace, Pastor



ST. MARY OF THE FALLS Knights of Columbus Council invites everyone to attend a half hour talk by cyber expert Brian Wisniewski on "Safety on the Internet and Cyber Security" at 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday evening, January 24th, in the Parish Hall at St. Mary of the Falls, 25615 Bagley Road in Olmsted Falls. This will be sure to be a very informative presentation. This event is FREE and open to everyone with no registration required.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT: "What happened in the Church and how can it be that a 77 year old retirement bound archbishop from Buenos Aires has captured the world?" "Pope Francis has not come to overturn doctrine and age old beliefs that are the bedrock of our Catholic Christian Faith. He wants to make those teachings understandable and a part of our lives." Fr. Thomas Rosica CSB. Please join us on Wednesday, January 25th, at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Mark Community Center. The Spiritual Life Committee will share a video entitled "The Francis Effect". All are welcome.

SUNDAY OFFERING



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION for January 15th, 2017 amounted to \$3,285.67. Envelopes used - 212.

THE COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY of America amounted to \$168.00.